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Rule may fell holiday tree



This Somerset Hall Christmas tree might be taken down because it's too big. [Tim Grant photo].

by Dan Warren

Somerset Hall residents hoisted a giant Christmas tree atop their dormitory this weekend to begin preparations for a Merry Christmas season. But the Hilltop Complex business manager may have to play the Grinch today when he discovers that the tree must come down because its base diameter is too large.

Business manager Michael Butler said Monday night that no tree with a base diameter greater than 4 inches (10.2 centimeters) could be allowed atop a dormitory because of the danger that it might be knocked down in high winds. The 42-foot (13.4 meters) tree was erected at midnight Saturday by residents of the dorm's second-floor east wing as part of a four-year tradition. It is 12 inches (30.6 centimeters) around the bottom.

"I wasn't at work today because I was sick," Butler said. "So I don't know much about this tree situation. But we have had some problems in the past, problems with the tree's size and how to effectively secure it to the building safely. The only restriction I can think of now is that the tree has to have no greater than a 4-inch diameter at the base. I'll have to see what the tree looks when I come into work tomorrow."

Hilltop Complex Coordinator Carmelina Procaccini said she doesn't anticipate any problems with the tree

being perched atop the dorm, but admitted that, "I don't know that much about it."

"As far as I know it's okay," she said. "The kids like it and it doesn't seem to be hurting anything. Mike (Butler) doesn't know yet, but I think we're okay. The students had fun putting it up. They were supervised and sang Christmas carols while they hoisted it. It was nice."

One resident of Somerset's second floor east wing said he foresees mayhem if the tree has to come down.

"I don't know what the hell we're going to do if we have to take that thing down," said resident James Murray, a junior from Cape Elizabeth. "Do they know how hard it was to put it up and how big it is? It would be a mess (to take it down)."

Another resident, Aldon Caron, a senior in a two-year program from Caribou, said the raising of the tree always signifies the start of the Christmas season in the dorm.

"It gets everyone together," he said. "It gives us the Christmas feeling. You can see it from the highway."

Another resident, David M. Johnson, a junior from Saco, joked that the tree came from "an unknown source." He said it weighed approximately 1,000 pounds (45.5 kilograms) and was dragged to the dorm by residents.

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A&S requirements—'ridiculous'

by Sharon Deveau

For most UMO seniors, the idea of May commencement exercises evokes a pleasant thought. But for two Somerset Hall residents, whose graduation plans have been altered, the thought is a less than happy one.

The reason behind the abrupt change in their plans is a College of Arts and Sciences rule which requires a student to take 72 hours of courses outside his major in order to graduate.

Diane Rothstein and Linda Card both admit that they were unaware of the 72-hour rule, as it is commonly called, until three weeks ago when Card accidentally heard about it while pre-registering.

Card, an English major, explains, "I went to see my advisor Prof. John Wilson to get his signature on my registration cards and after our session, on my way down the

stairs, I mentioned to him how funny I thought it was that the English department had changed its requirements.

"I told him that I didn't think limiting a major to a maximum of 48 hours in English and making 72 hours in outside courses compulsory would make for a very good education."

Wilson's response to her comment was, Card says, "that the reason behind the rule was to insure that students take more than just courses in their major and that the rule had been in effect for a long time."

When Card returned to her room, she explained the situation to Rothstein, her roommate, a modern languages major, who realized that she, too, lacked a sufficient amount of outside hours.

"I can honestly say I never heard or read about the 72-hour rule," Card says. "I fulfilled my 27 credit hours specified by Arts and Sciences, and then I began to take courses toward my major."

With only 51 outside hours and 63 in her major, the possibility of Card's graduation in May is still uncertain.

She plans to take six CLEP (College Level Examination Program) tests in

January, at a cost of about \$90, which will add to her total in outside courses.

Plus, she has signed up for six courses this spring, five of which are non-major subjects.

The solution for Rothstein has been to switch from her modern languages major that included French and German, to simply a French major. It seems ironic to her since she has taken more German courses. The 14-hour difference between what she has and what she needs to graduate will be made up now by her German credits. "You've got so much freedom in Arts and Sciences," she says. "I just naturally assumed that my last two years on campus could be spent working on my major. If I had followed the 72-hour requirement, I wouldn't have proficiency in either language."

Card agrees, "Right now I feel quite knowledgeable in English but I wouldn't be if I only had 48 hours in English. I broke the rule and I don't think anyone should be forced to take more courses in outside subjects than in their major. Besides, I think it's pointless to pay \$1,000 to come

back next year and take courses I don't care about."

"Apparently," Rothstein says, "what they want you to major in is something outside of your major. What's the point in majoring in anything?"

The point, says Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences Elaine I. Gershman, is that the Bachelor of Arts degree is not a "technical degree."

Gershman points out that having background is "critical" and adds, "The whole purpose of Arts and Sciences is to educate people for careers, not jobs. It is not a technical degree. When a history major graduates with a BA in history, he is not an historian. A specific job is not our goal."

"As far as not knowing about the 72-hour rule," Gershman continues, "should a faculty member read every rule to students? We send out the information, we put it up. I don't know what else we can do. When students apply they ask, 'What do I need to get in?' But once they're here they should ask, 'What do I do to get out?'"

Although Gershman says that cases like (continued on page two)

Early vote results

The Associated Press predicted early this morning that the state uniform property tax will be repealed by a two-to-one margin.

With about 30 percent of the Maine votes counted, 21, 873 of the voters had approved repeal while 13, 128 had opposed it.

In the bond issue voting, six of the eight questions appeared likely to pass with the University of Maine and Maine Maritime questions appearing to have even chances.

The university had gained support from 16, 646 voters while 17, 208 opposed it. The AP refused to predict its outcome.

Maine Maritime was favored by 15, 779 while 17, 766 opposed it.

The other six bond issues which appeared to have solid chances for passage were: \$30 million for pollution abatement facilities; \$3.7 million for construction at vocational technical institutes; \$10 million for the insulation of state-owned buildings and public schools; \$1.9 million for improvements to some 27 Maine airports; \$11.5 million for improvements to highways and bridges; and \$2.1 million for establishment of a Maine Veteran's Home.

Impeachment aborted

by Bernie MacKinnon

In the wake of an aborted effort to impeach BCC Student Government President Linda Caron, plans are being laid for major changes in that campus government and for an open forum "either on Wednesday or Thursday," said Vice President Michael Bourassa.

Persons behind the petition drive mounted last week toward Caron's impeachment were unwilling to say why the effort was stopped. Bourassa indicated there had been "personality conflicts" in the BCC student government but that these had been somewhat mitigated. "What we want to do now is work for the students' interests."

It is hoped that the public forum being scheduled next week will help get students involved with the government. Under BCC's most recent governmental struc-

ture, Bourassa explained, students have not been adequately represented. Also, he said it was never made clear enough how students could become involved.

Bourassa said he expects that major issues discussed at the forum will include housing and the activity fee, longtime concerns at BCC.

Under the "board government" structure used this semester, the presidents and vice presidents of student government, the InterDorm Board, and the Student Union Activities Board shared equal authority on a single board.

A reversion to the old student senate system is now planned. This means the student government posts of treasurer and secretary will be re-established and two senators will be elected from each dormitory. Student senate elections should take place soon at BCC, said Bourassa,

who anticipates a full senate by the end of the semester. He added that two senators commuting to Orono are much wanted.

Controversy hangs over whether the board will be a voting executive committee or simply an advisory one. If the latter choice is made, even more of the board's power will pass to the student senate and its president.

Earlier this semester it was discovered that BCC's student government constitution, drawn up in 1975 by former President Douglas Gillespie, had never actually been approved by UMO President Howard R. Neville.

However, Neville said a copy of the constitution had been delivered to him for examination on Friday and that there were no foreseeable reason why he would not approve it.

BCC government plans changes

LOWDOWN

Tuesday, December 6

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For an extra special Christmas surprise, give a friend some mistletoe. Orders taken in the Memorial Union by All-Maine women.

6:30 p.m. Forestry Club meeting in 102 Nutting, featuring elections and talk on "Family Sawmill Operation," by Jim Robbins.

7 p.m. Wildlife Society meeting in 100 Nutting Hall, featuring Roy Hugel, speaking about "The Maine Black Bear."

8:15 p.m. Chamber Music Concert, in Lord Hall, with the UMO Chamber Singers, directed by Patricia Stedry, and accompanied by Lillian Garwood on piano.

7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. "Flash Gordon," at the Ram's Horn.

7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. IDB Movie: "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," 101 EM.

8:15 p.m. Maine Masque: "Arsenic and Old Lace," Hauck Auditorium.

Wednesday, December 7

Noon, Sandwich Cinema: "Ascent of Man: Generation Upon Generation," North Lown Room.

7 p.m. Tune your skis with the UMO ski team, at a Mini Workshop in the Damn Yankee.

7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. IDB Movie: "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," 101 EM.

8:15 p.m. Maine Masque: "Arsenic and Old Lace," Hauck Auditorium.

Thursday, December 8

3 p.m. Dance Workshop in beginning and modern ballet, in Lengel Gym.

6:30 p.m. A meeting for persons interested in taking a bus trip to the Quebec Winter Carnival in February. 207 Little Hall. If unable to attend, call Diane, at 7136, room 324.

8 p.m. Ram's Horn, Bruce Tholim.

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. MUAB Movie: "Rhinos," 101 EM.

8:15 p.m. Maine Masque: "Arsenic and Old Lace," Hauck Auditorium.

Requirements receive criticism

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this seldomly occur, Card states emphatically that she knows of people who were in similar situations last year. "I announced in one of my classes what had happened to me," she reports, "and I saw three people right there counting up their credit hours. One girl I know of will definitely have her graduation deferred."

"What they're saying," concludes Gershman, "is that they know more about college requirements than the experts in this field, than those who have degrees and who have more experience than they do."

John Wilson, Card's advisor, says he doesn't think the problem she and Rothstein encountered is common.

"I think the idea of forcing students to take a balanced schedule is good. I would disagree violently with the statement that 48 hours in one's major is insufficient. I think most students profit more with a liberal arts education. This way they're getting an education, not just a vocation."

Ulrich Wicks, English department chairman, concurs with Dean Gershman's assessment of the Arts and Sciences College. "It's not simple. Part of the problem was Linda's own decision. She was following a very specialized schedule, more like that of a graduate student or doctorate candidate."

"The 48-hour maximum exists," explains Wicks, "because we are a liberal arts college. We emphasize students being exposed to a variety of courses. I favor some kind of stipulation on credit hours although not necessarily a 48-72 split."

Wicks continues, "I sympathize with Linda but I also believe in liberal arts and the diversity of the degree. It's not up to the department to advertise the rule. It is the college's rule, not ours."

Student ignorance to the requirement is simply "a question of the student being responsible for all of his courses" and he says advisors can not be expected to "lead students around by the nose."

The circumstances surrounding Rothstein's difficulty are slightly more confusing than those involving Card. Rothstein's main problem was she treated her modern languages major as a double major.

Robert Carroll, head of the Foreign Languages and Classics department, comments, "The catalog stipulated such a low number of courses for satisfying the modern languages major."

"Diane could have completed her major with a lot less effort and a lot less proficiency. A BA isn't supposed to be as specialized as a Master's degree or a Ph.D."

Responding to Rothstein's statement that 48 hours weren't enough and that 60 hours might be better, Carroll says, "I can't imagine a student taking 60 hours in one subject. I'm all for double majors, but I wouldn't want students in my department to take more than 48 hours in their major fields. There's too much available, too much to know."

"Students are responsible for the catalog," Carroll stresses. "Advisors are supposed to scrutinize course sign-up, but students have to be aware of the rules. Freshman orientation concentrates particularly on making requirements known to students."

I know when I was in college," he continues, "I didn't want to listen to my advisor and I think it's that way now. Students don't want to be advised, they just want the proper signature on their cards."

Where the blame lies for the misunderstanding is undecided. Card says, "It was my fault, I should've known. I certainly wouldn't blame it on my advisor but he should've made me aware that such a rule existed."

"You can't place the blame anywhere," says Wicks. "I would be sympathetic to bending the rule in this instance (Card's) but it is not my decision to make, it's Dean Gershman's."

When asked, Card and Rothstein say they feel the college is responsible for creating a rule which Card terms "ridiculous." "No one ever mentioned that rule to us," laments Card. "If they had we wouldn't be in this situation today."

"I'm sure there are tons of kids wandering around on campus who are oblivious to this rule," says Rothstein. "I think they should find out about it before it's too late to do anything about it."

Christmas art exhibited

A wide variety of original art is included in the UMO's Art Collection's annual Christmas show in Carnegie Hall Gallery I Dec. 5 to 20.

The exhibition, featuring art for Christmas buying, includes many artists who either live or work in Maine as well as selections of recognized American and European graphics from Associated American Artists, New York and the Ferdinand Roten Galleries, Baltimore, Md. Many of

the works, including oil paintings, watercolors, drawings, etchings, woodcuts, lithographs, silkscreens, photographs and sculptures, are signed by the artist.

Some of the Maine artists included are Berry, Bobrowski, Busch, Daniell, Dermott, Dorland, Dunbar, Eickhorst, Stump, Thibodeau, Thompson, Tucker Whedon, Winter.

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Juggling bug bites UMO freshman

by Dan Warren

Doug Hall would like to see everyone on this campus "throw up."

The Gannett Hall freshman isn't wishing nausea on the UMO community. Instead he is using "throw up" as a comical slang term for juggling, which is what the Nashua, N.H. showman does to work his way through school.

His chosen terminology, he says, with

his tongue firmly in cheek, is "humor in a juggler's vein."

"I want to make juggling the biggest thing ever to hit UMO," the 18-year-old says. "I want to make UMO the juggling capital of the East Coast. It's fun, interesting and relaxing and anyone can learn in 15 or 20 minutes if they want."

Hall isn't sitting still in his wish to make juggling "big time" at UMO. Each Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., he gives free

juggling demonstrations and lessons in the lobby by the Memorial Union newsstand. He says he can teach both newcomers and experts.

He's also been giving private performances for dormitory parties, and making special advertising appearances for McDonald's and a Bangor car dealer.

And, reports Hall, he's persuaded the Memorial Union Bookstore to stock special rubberized juggling balls with which persons can practice.

Hall isn't just a juggler, though. He's also a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians as well as being affiliated with the International Jugglers' Association. He claims to be one of only professional jugglers in the state.

"If it weren't for being a professional juggler and magician," he says, "I wouldn't be able to afford going to school now. This past summer I toured country fairs and events like that throughout New Hampshire and sometimes Maine. It's that money I earned there that I'm using to pay my school bill."

During one three-day fair in Cornish, Maine, last summer Hall pulled in a \$500 fee for his juggling and magician services, not including profits made on sales of magic kits from his traveling booth. But he had to subtract the fair's rental fee and his assistants' pay from that, he notes. For local demonstrations, he charges "about \$30." But, he says the fee is inexpensive because "I can only give part of my show."

"My father wouldn't let me bring all my magic stuff up to school because he knew I'd spend too much time with them and flunk out," says the affable chemical engineering major who uses the name of "Merwyn the Magician." "But I can give some good entertainment with my juggling act."

Hall, who has performed in Europe, got kind of a rags-to-riches type start in the field.

"When I was 16, I got hurt pretty bad playing football and had to spend some time in the Children's Hospital in Boston,"

he recalls. "The doctors told me I'd never walk again. So while I was there I started to learn to juggle with the help of another guy who was staying there and I haven't stopped juggling since."

Hall credits the circumstances surrounding his hospital stay with turning toward magic.

"I was hospitalized just before Halloween, on the anniversary of Harry Houdini's death in 1926," Hall notes. Houdini, considered by many to be the finest magician and escape artist in the history of the world, performed around the world in the 1920s.

Hall, who can frequently be seen juggling a variety of strange objects on his way to class, is attempting to get academic credit for his juggling expertise.

"For my honors class, my teacher has agreed to let me explain Newton's law of motion by juggling during the demonstration," Hall says. "I'm happy because it will be an easy way for me to explain a scientific principle and it will be fun to watch for those people who will be there to see it."

Juggling will become so popular at UMO that it will make its way into physical education courses and intercollegiate athletics, Hall predicts.

"At several big schools in the Northeast, juggling is practiced as either a club or varsity sport," Hall notes. "At MIT, UMass and Rochester, they have these programs as well as advanced courses in juggling. They realize the importance and benefits of it down there."

"I'd like to see our athletic department allow a juggling course to be substituted for physical education. I think it could happen."

Hall wants to saturate every aspect of UMO with juggling (He recently challenged Student Government President Michael K. McGovern to learn), but he also has goals bigger than the university community.

"I'd like to move juggling throughout (continued on page 7)



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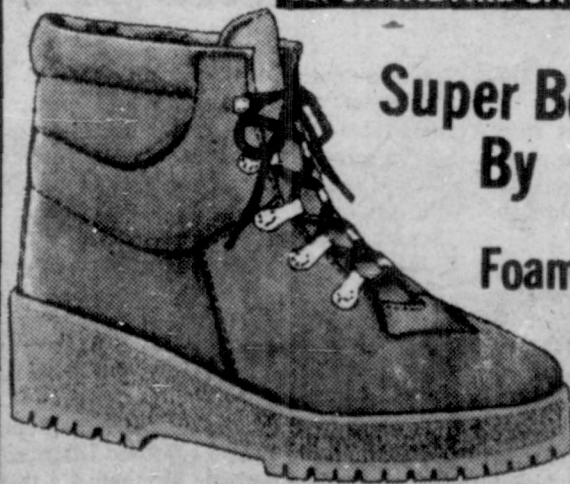
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Useless insensitivity

Linda Card and Diane Rothstein have a problem and we wonder just how unusual that problem is. Each women's graduation was threatened either because they had a communication problem with their advisors or because they failed to learn of the requirements they needed to graduate. How unusual is it for students to be unfamiliar with their college's requirements and how often do advisors fail to communicate those requirements to their students? A more important question we must

ask is: How many students have failed to graduate, have been prevented from reaching a goal they've anticipated for four years, only because of a bureaucratic red tape tie-up?

The problem these people have is an unfortunate one and apparently the blame must be divided between the students and their advisors. But while it should be said that students need to be concerned with all facets of their educational experience (and that means being familiar with the requirements the

education experts at this school feel we need to have for a well-rounded education) it's also important to note that the bureaucratic gauntlet we all encounter during our four-year-run for the sheepskin is often baffling to many, and that often during that run we need advice. The requirements can be confusing to those who can't even decide what to major in, or even less relevant to any who are frightened by the prospects of surviving once they reach "The Real World." So when this is the case, and it must be a common case, the arguments we hear from lax advisors who blame students for misunderstanding the stuffy prose of their college catalog are just too weak and insensitive to be believed. We feel there are more than just two people who will agree with us, too.

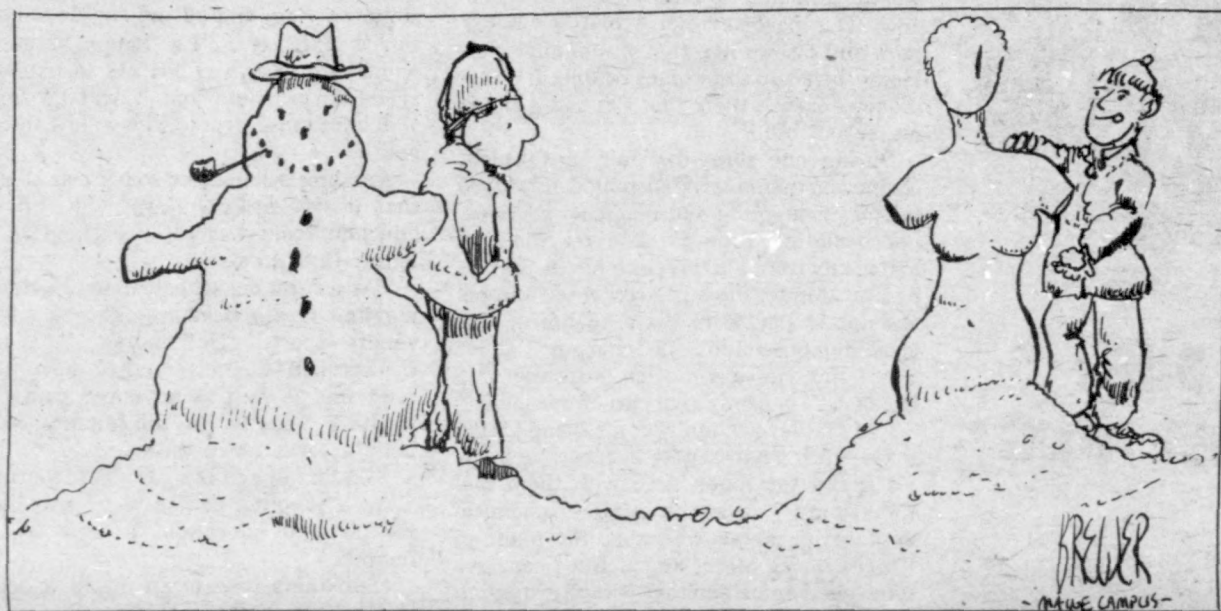
A UMO faculty member's duties include teaching, public service and research. Student advising is included in, and supposedly an integral part of, these teaching duties. Theoretically, student advising embraces obligations that reach beyond signing a card of keeping files up to date, which is what it actually becomes to too many of this school's teaching elite. It seems almost paradoxical for the faculty and administrators of this university and especially the College of Arts and Sciences, to strive to develop and provide students with well-rounded preparation and then shrug their shoulders and make excuses when a student is handcuffed by that college's own questionable and ever-changing requirements.

And as we've said before, we journalists hate paradoxes.

So Rothstein graduates with only one-half of her earned degree and Card needs to invest a little more to get at least one. Next year some will forget to register for a proficiency test, others will never sign up for graduation and some will be stuck taking microbiology to fill a lab science requirement when their real love is journalism. And when they ask why, the pros will scoff and point the finger right back at them.

The question we raise is not whether our professionally designed educations will get the jobs after four years, but whether it is foolish for UMO to strive to offer abundant educational resources only to disguise them with thick and ineffective advice on how to use them.

Use Rothstein and Card as an example. Eliminate the paradox.



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Dan Warren

Politics and pretty smiles

Maine newspapers treated it like The Second Coming.

To them, it was the hottest news story since that German clown got off the plane in Bangor, thinking it was San Francisco. (An obvious case of terminal blindness, no?)

"Meet the Distinguished American Actor Robert Redford," one newspaper advertisement screamed in big, bold letters. "He will be appearing Friday, Dec. 3 in Portland at a Democratic fundraiser for the honorable U.S. Sen. William Hathaway."

By now, of course, we all know that he didn't show. Emergency wards in Maine hospitals are just now finishing mending the broken hearts they had to work on last week when Redford informed all his and Hathaway's fans that he wouldn't come.

It turned out that Redford, the guy who wrote the book on being handsome, hadn't done his homework on Hathaway's stand on the proposed Dickey-Lincoln hydroelectric project in northern Maine. When he found out that Senator Bill was in favor of damming the wild St. John River to make power for New England, the

environmentally-concerned actor said he could not "in good conscience" come to help raise campaign money for Hathaway.

I'm sorry he couldn't come. He would've helped illuminate an important issue in the upcoming Hathaway-Bill Cohen U.S. Senate battle.

That issue is the prettiness of Cohen himself.

If Redford wrote the book on handsomeness, then Cohen wrote the forward, introduction, table of contents, footnotes and appendix.

Bill Cohen, currently the U.S. Representative from Maine's Second District, is a dashing, charismatic guy and it's those characteristics, I'm afraid, that may win him Hathaway's U.S. Senate seat in the November, 1978 election.

I'm not criticizing Cohen for being all form and no substance as many of the Democratic faithful in the state love to do, because I don't think it's necessarily true. But I am concerned that much of the legislation he works on and proposes seems to be aimed at national interests. He seems to be doing great things for America and not just for Maine.

That, too, is fine, I suppose, for as a U.S. Representative to Congress, he is representing all of the citizens of this country. But I am concerned because in my hazy crystal ball I can see the day when Bill Cohen will pull all these nationally-oriented pieces of legislation from his black bag as he chugs toward residence at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Regardless of what Cohen does, though, I wonder how many of his "supporters" are aware of his legislative accomplishments. I wonder how many of his followers simply swoon at his feet, overwhelmed at his charisma and charm much the way the ladies fell for Redford.

That's why I wish Redford had come to Maine on Hathaway's behalf, to sort of even the score, you might say. You know, one beauty a side.

I might be harsh on Cohen, though. My friend Jimmy Murray, who is 21 now and therefore politically sage, has been doing some telephone fund-raising for Cohen and assures me that Super-Bill is okay. Jimmy predicts Cohen's title will be Senator by this time next year.

And, though I may have led you to

believe the contrary, I wouldn't necessarily mind that. Bill Cohen is a good man, one who has done much for Maine education, energy, Indian land claims and getting Dick Nixon out of office.

But Bill Hathaway is an effective legislator, too, a workhorse, in fact. Not a day goes by that I come to my desk at the campus only to sift through a bunch of press releases from Hathaway's PR man sensationalizing Bill's latest feat. It's not the quantity I'm impressed with either. Hathaway has done much to help Maine's suffering shoe industry, he's helped clean Maine's lakes and rivers and he's tried to make sure that the only thing this country sends to Belgium is tourists, not military contracts that should go to Maine gun manufacturers.

There's little doubt that we will have two good men to choose from when we go to the polls next fall. Both men do fine things for this state and the election will present a choice between two different sets of pet issues. It's the issues we should closely examine, though, not the smiles.

I hope we leave the charisma to Robert Redford.

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reader's opinion

The Campus encourages letters from readers. To be published, letters must be signed and include an address, but names will be withheld upon request. Brief letters are advised, and all are subject to editing for grammar, good taste and available space.

Appointments: not a simple matter

To the Editor:

Regarding the issue of student representation on administrative committees as reported in the Maine Campus on Dec. 2, it appears that both the present student government administration and the Campus have failed to see the fundamental issue involved in this controversy.

The major problem facing the student body at UMO, and the student government administration in particular, is not that Steve Weber and Howard Neville ignore student government's priorities, but the fact that they have any input at all into the selection of student members to administrative committees.

When Dan O'Leary and I met with Steve Weber last year over this issue, his position was, and continues to be, that students do not have an inherent right to be involved in university governance. We believe that students do. Steve Weber holds the view that the administration is extending a "privilege" to students by

"allowing" us to sit on administrative committees (and token seats they are when one looks at the numbers). Such a position is despicable.

It is totally false that Dan O'Leary and the president's office decided to resume the two-for-one procedure. Throughout the year, Dan and I never budged from our position that students have a right to pick their representatives to administrative committees and an inherent right to be involved in the decision-making processes here at the university.

We steadfastly refused to send Steve Weber two names for each committee seat and went so far as to send our student nominees to committee meetings without the approval of the president's office.

At the last meeting we had with Steve Weber on this issue, he told us that he would implement the two-for-one procedure the following year. So, we decided to take it to the Board of Trustees. It is my understanding that Dan is

still involved with this issue before the board and no final decision has yet been reached.

The issue at hand is much larger and much more important than a simple matter of the administration selecting students that were not student government's priorities. The issue is whether or not students, by being consumers at this university, have a fundamental right to be involved in the decision-making processes.

I certainly hope that the present student government administration does not "agree to disagree" as was reported in the Maine Campus, but fights for nothing less than full control over the selection of student representatives and an admission on the part of this university that students have a fundamental right to take part in making those decisions which affect our lives.

Sincerely,
Diane Elze

Sensationalist journalism?

To the Editor:

On Dec. 1, members of the university community had the opportunity to hear a world-renowned journalist speak on some of the most significant historical events of the 20th century.

Wilfred Burchett, here at the invitation of the Distinguished Lecture Series, spoke three times during his one-day stay. He touched on such topics as the Korean War, the Vietnamese War, liberation movements in Algeria, Angola, and Mozambique and the current struggles going on in South Africa and Rhodesia.

But anyone reading the Maine Campus of Dec. 2 would have thought Burchett came here for the sole purpose of defending himself against a bunch of hollow charges levelled at him by several American fascist elements.

By dedicating the main portion of their article to the charges against Burchett (which Burchett painstakingly refuted and which the U.S. State Department says are unfounded) and by devoting only the last four sentences of the article to the various topics Burchett talked about in three separate talks, the Maine Campus is guilty of sensationalist journalism.

To take an isolated and minor aspect of an important event and blow it up out of all proportion

(including a photograph of a sign-wielding moron) and to ignore the valuable insights of an experienced and much-travelled journalist is shabby newsreporting and nothing else.

Andy Piascik
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Limits

To the Editor:

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To the Editor:

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Psych research: *From pigeon*

by Andrea Cronkite

Can pigeons tell time?
Does sex-role stereotyping on Saturday morning television affect children?

How does one's personality affect his evaluation of another's performance?

Professors in the UMO psychology department try to answer these and other questions through research with both humans and animals.

Faculty members are "theoretically" allotted half of their time for research, Department Chairman Roger B. Frey said. However after classes, advising and work with graduate students, only about a quarter of their time is left for research, he explained.

"The graduate program and research go together. With a doctoral program, where people are training for that level, we need research," Frey said.

General psychology (Py 1) students are required to participate as subjects in up to four hours of department research.

"A lot of research in psychology that has come our is based on general psychology students," Frey said. "It is a convenient group, but it's not representative of the general population."

Students have consistent, similar characteristics, and findings from some research using them as subjects may not apply to different groups of people, he said. This will not affect research in "basic behaviors," he added.

"It's a problem to find a representative population in human research," Frey said.

Occasionally, researchers ask for volunteers from other classes, but volunteers and non-volunteers may have different characteristics, he said.

Assistant Professor Dana Birnbaum and graduate student Gary Burgess plan to use subjects from the department's Child Study Center to begin an evaluation of sex-role stereotyping in Saturday morning and weekday afternoon children's television programs.

The center, located in the basement of North Stevens Hall, is a school for preschoolers and is run primarily for psychology department research, Birnbaum said.

Birnbaum is taping television programs in order to do a "content analysis" of role models.

"We look at how often males and females appear and what they are doing when they're here, she said. "More females are portrayed now than in the past, but I've noticed that they're not really involved in the action."

After analyzing program content,

Birnbaum said she will try to determine how the children evaluate and attend to role models.

"Most of the research in this area had looked at program content, but do kids even notice these things? If they don't see this, our arguing that there should be changes in the programs are useless," she said.

"If we want to use televisions to teach (and we are already trying to), we need to

know the kinds of things children attend to and how they process information."

"Characters such as 'wonder woman' and the 'bionic woman' do things that are counter to the stereotypes," she continued. "We're interested in what kids think of those characters. Will kids model these counter-stereotypes or view it only as an exception?" It is harder to find counter-stereotyped males, she added.

Birnbaum said she is also interested in

children's reactions to "moral messages" at the ends of some programs. "They may be too simple for them," she said. "Some of them are almost clichés."

Children's limited attention spans and language abilities present research problems, she said. "We can't have them do a questionnaire; we must use a direct approach and have fairly simple things for them to do." No child is ever forced to participate in an experiment, she added.

"Also, if testing is carried out over a period of days, something which happens at home may influence their performance. This is true of all human subjects," she said.

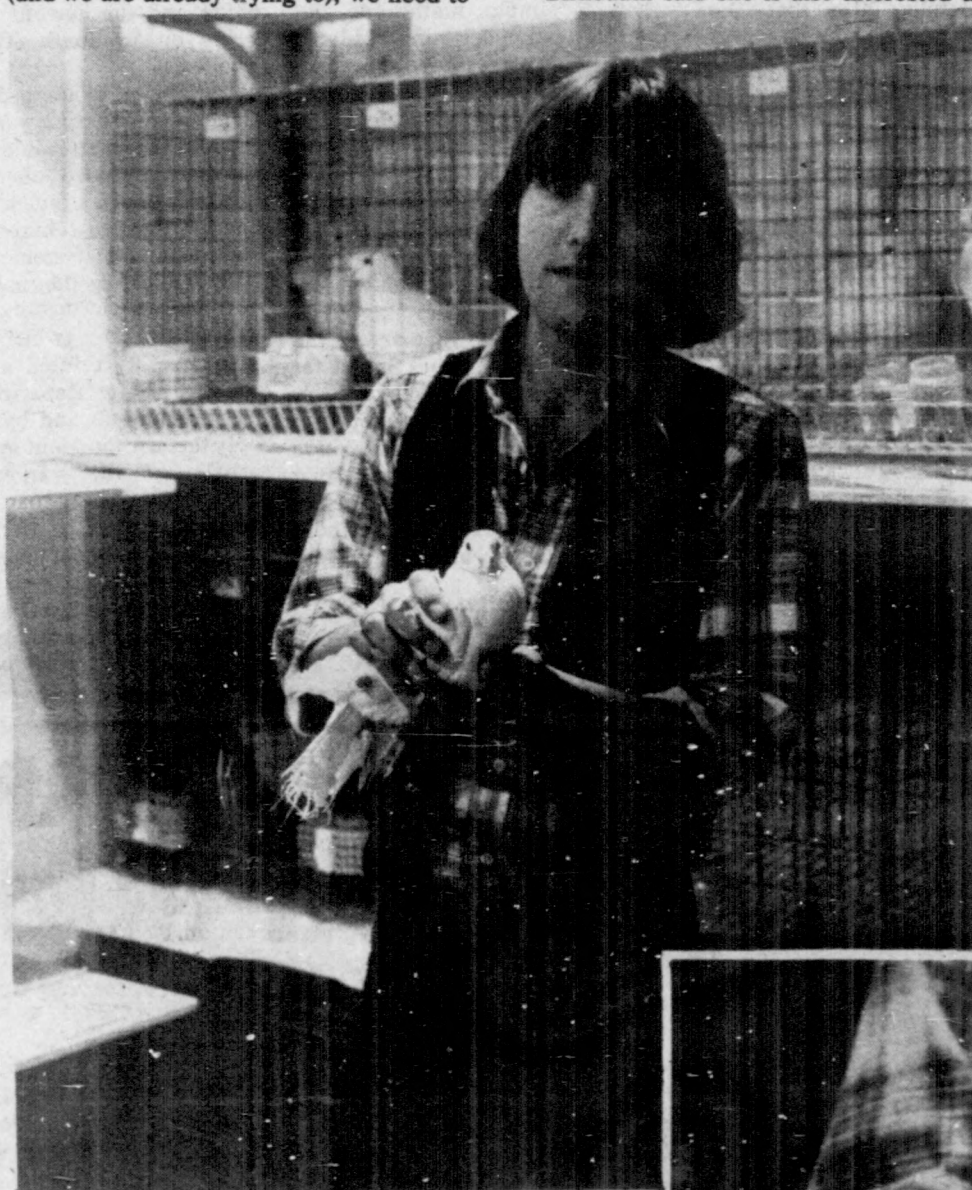
All proposed human research must be approved by the psychology department's human subjects review committee. In addition, research involving the Child Study Center requires parental consent forms and must be approved by center directors, Birnbaum and Assistant Professor Donald S. Hayes.

Working at the opposite end of the age scale, Professor Merrill F. Elias studies the relationship between disease processes and behavior and intellectual ability in the aged. He is trying to develop screening tests for coronary artery disease, hypertension and other diseases.

Working with Bangor Mental Health Institute (BMHI) patients, Elias is trying to develop tests to assess brain damage in elderly, institutionalized patients. John Burns and Allen Hitchcock, BMHI psychologists, are also working with Elias on this study.

"We want to come up with a battery of tests to distinguish between brain damage and functional disorders in older people," Elias said.

Brain damage can cause psychological and personality problems, and some types



Psychology research assistant David Fetting holds one of the pigeons used by the department to study time perception. "The pigeons don't do as well as humans, but they're not all that bad."



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Pigeons to personality

of behavior can't be improved by teaching and therapy from mental institution staff.

But if people with nervous system disorders can be identified, they can be referred to a neurologist for help, he explained.

"There are tests for brain damage, but they are not generally prepared for older people," Elias said. "There are too many motor and vision demands for older, institutionalized patients on some tests. It's important to develop special types of tests."

Elias said he encounters some special problems with institutionalized elderly research subjects. Some are on medication or have multiple physical problems which affect their performance.

"The need for specialized tests are for sick, institutionalized patients. Most older people are very capable of functioning, and there is increasing evidence that general intelligence remains stable throughout life for healthy people," Elias said.

He stressed that his research involves a "relatively small part of the population." However, he also looks at healthy and young people in order to contrast the performance of the two groups.

In the field of social psychology, Professor Richard M. Ryckman and graduate student David Cannon have done an experiment to determine how "internal" and "external" personality types evaluate task performance by attractive and unattractive people.

Internal personality types are people who feel they themselves primarily determine their acts, while externals attribute their actions to external forces, such as luck. Both groups judge others in the same terms that they judge themselves, Ryckman said.

UMO women Py 1 students were asked to judge fictional UMO admission application autobiographies, which were accompanied by a photograph of the applicant.

They had to decide whether the applicant should be admitted to the university.

Internals tend to expect attractive people to have good ability and motivation, and when the attractive applicant performed well on the essay, internals accepted him to the university, Ryckman said.

However, if an unattractive applicant performed well, internals downgraded the essay and rejected the person, he said. "They can't believe the unattractive person performed well," he added.

"If an unattractive applicant wrote a poor essay, it fulfilled the internals' expectations, but if the attractive person performed poorly, it bothered them. They evaluated it as worse than it was and were more willing to reject it," Ryckman said.

"External personalities, however, feel that a good outcome is beyond a person's control and don't devalue the unattractive person's performance."

"Internally-oriented persons are more punitive and likely to discriminate if a person doesn't live up to their expectations," Ryckman continued. Management and professional people tend to be internals, and this could effect decisions on job applications, he said.

He suggested that prospective employers should not use photographs with applications. When this is impossible, they should use several evaluators when considering applicants "to cut down prejudice."

"I don't think employers are intentionally prejudiced," he added.

On the top floor of North Stevens Hall, Professor Donald A. Stubbs, assisted by graduate student Leon Dreyfus, is studying time perception in pigeons.

A pigeon is put in a box with two keys on which it can peck to get food, and a light in the box goes on for up to 20 seconds.

From zero to 10 seconds, the bird can get food for pecking on one key, but from 10 to 20 seconds, it must peck on the alternate

key to receive food.

The pigeons don't receive food for every correct choice, only "every so often," Stubbs said.

"I'm interested in how birds can tell time and how accurate they are," Stubbs said. "They don't do as well as humans, but they're not all that bad."

This study could be applied to research on the effect of drugs on time perception, Stubbs said. People have heard that drugs affect perception, so it would be hard to test them, but animals don't have any such expectations, he explained.

However while it is possible to obtain drugs for research, there are many federal restrictions on it, and Stubbs said he doesn't plan to study it.

The National Institute of Mental Health publishes guidelines for housing and care of research animals. While one can shock and do brain-lesion work with animals, one "can't just grab them and burn or torture them," Stubbs said. "You have to do these things for a definite purpose."

Professor Stanley S. Pliskoff, who also works with animals, said pigeons are ideally suited for studying how behavior is controlled. "They seem to pay close attention to the task at hand," he said.

The pigeon experiments are automatically programmed and electrically tabulated; no one has to watch them to record data. After the birds are fed a certain amount, the machine shuts off.

"We can generalize findings from animal behavior research to humans, at least in some areas," Pliskoff said. Basic research has been applied to human behavior modification in areas such as educational and curriculum design, in mental hospitals, where patients earn "credits" for certain behavior and in self-control techniques with diets and other behavior, he said.

Frey agreed that applied research depends on principles discovered in basic research.

"I'm not saying that all research is great or even has value," Frey said. "You can always find studies that don't seem to have any application, but you never know when they are going to."

Presently, most of the research being done is funded through the department, Frey said. In the past, grants and contracts have been received from federal agencies, such as the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institute of Mental Health.

Equipment used for some human research consists only of paper and pencils, but the electrical equipment used for animal research is more costly, he said. "It's not that great an expense though, because over the years we've built up a lot of equipment," Frey noted.

● Juggling bug bites

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the state," he says. "I'd like to start a Maine Juggling Association. I've contacted students at Colby College in Waterville and at Bowdoin College in Brunswick about helping me recruit members. We could have a giant juggle-in, a throw up, you could call it. I'd like to make juggling as popular a hobby as jogging is now."

Hall admits that juggling doesn't have any great social, psychological or educational value, but he is quick to espouse its other virtues.

"There's really nothing great about it," he says. "It's sort of like 'Star Wars.' That wasn't a real heavy movie, but people like it because it's fun."

"Everyone has been interested in

juggling at one time or another in their lives. It helps improve coordination between your hands and eyes, it relaxes you and it helps you develop patience and concentration."

Hall says he has developed a superstition about juggling before all his exams.

"I tried it once before a physics test and I got an 'A' so I've been doing it ever since," he says.

Hall says "almost all" the residents on his wing on fourth floor Gannett Hall are getting an urge to juggle and that his "class" every Friday at the Union is getting bigger.

"Everybody is starting to get the bug," he says, using his slogan, "the juggle bug."

Ticket price 'mistake' upsets hockey fans

High school students were charged only \$1 to see the home hockey game against Salem State Nov. 26 while UMO students without sports passes were charged \$2.

"This was a mistake," Stuart Haskell, UMO athletic business manager said Friday.

Haskell said that the regular ticket vendor was ill at the time so a new ticket seller inadvertently sold high school students tickets at half the

admission price.

Many UMO students became upset when they discovered that high school students were only being charged \$1.

Haskell said that the mistake has been corrected and normal ticket prices are back in effect. UMO students and adults will be charged \$2 admission to see the hockey games while children under 12 will be admitted for \$1.

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Neville upholds report

Women again denied Nautilus access

by Brook Merrow

It's not the final word, but UMO President Howard R. Neville has upheld a report recommending the Nautilus weight-lifting machine remain off-limits to women athletes.

Neville suggested the 11-member committee that submitted the report review the decision a year from now.

Women and men alike already have access to Universal weight-lifting machines on campus and the committee chaired by Natalie J. Peterson considered the comparability of the two facilities.

If substantial proof indicated the Universal was not comparable to the Nautilus, then the committee could take legal action under Title IX guidelines.

Title IX is part of the 1972 Education Amendments prohibiting sex discrimination against women at educational institutions receiving federal financial assistance.

Data received from physiologists, coaches and training experts around the country provide no conclusive evidence. "Nothing indicated the Nautilus was a superior piece of equipment," Peterson said. "At the moment, it looks as good as

any other piece of equipment, such as the Universal."

Neville's decision dates back to controversy that erupted last March when members of the women's track team were denied access to the Nautilus. At that time, Peterson's committee, which was designed to evaluate the quality of all athletics on the UMO campus according to Title IX, examined the legality of the issue.

JoAnn Fritsche, committee member and director of Equal Employment Opportunity at UMO, said, "As of last spring, we didn't have enough data to determine whether or not the equipment was comparable, so there was no legal basis for action."

As a result, Neville stepped in to make an interim decision. Access was denied to women with the exception of the leaper, which was moved into the Universal room at Memorial Gymnasium. The leaper develops agility and its effect cannot be duplicated on the Universal equipment. In addition, a compromise decision was reached calling for a committee to review the situation in six months and submit a report to the president.

The committee holds that, in light of the evidence gathered, including reports from Syracuse University, West Point and the Olympic training experts, there is no proof that the machines are not comparable.

"If there was ever sufficient evidence from experts that these sets are not comparable," Fritsche explained, "then there would be a legal reason to change the policy."

Committee member Terry Karkos, senior physical education major, is satisfied with the ruling. "The data we have gathered from so-called experts say they are comparable," she said.

Linwood Carville, assistant director of physical education and athletics and a Title IX committee member, agrees there's "no real scientific proof at this stage of the game."

However, Neville said his decision is not "irrevocable" and suggested the committee meet a year from now with further documentation "to see if there is any solid evidence to support the contention that one type of equipment is superior to the other."

"It's not a closed issue," Karkos emphasized. "More reports and studies may change the committee's decision."

Peterson says she's "very well satisfied with the Nautilus decision. It isn't a sex bias kind of issue."

"As long as the comparability issue is satisfied, the women at the university are getting a fair shake," she said.

Press coverage criticized

The Director of Equal Opportunity Employment at UMO has sent a letter to the Bangor Daily News criticizing the nation's press for what she calls the superficial news coverage of the National Women's Conference held last month in Houston which she attended.

In her three-page letter, Dr. JoAnn M. Fritsche said that print and electronic media concentrated only on the sensational issues such as abortion, lesbianism and the Equal Rights Amendment because those were the ones which the average person would enjoy reading.

"If you had not opportunity to learn about the (National Women's) Conference events except through reading the Bangor Daily News and watching commercial

television," Fritsche wrote, "you may have been led to believe that the significance of the conference revolved around the E.R.A., lesbianism and abortion."

"The recommendations on these controversial issues certainly did express the positions of the great majority of delegates and millions of women. Nonetheless, the less controversial events and recommendations—which were virtually ignored by the media—are perhaps more expressive of the values, political strategy, and broad appeal of the contemporary feminist movement."

Fritsche said Monday that her letter had not yet been printed by the Bangor newspaper.

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Speaker denounces protestors' charges

by John Donnelly

A small group of protestors disrupted proceedings during Thursday's Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS), at which Australian journalist Wilfred Burchett was the featured speaker.

to destroy everything our nation stands for."

The literature then went on to accuse Burchett of allegedly being a KGB agent and an aid in torturing practices against American prisoners of war.

Burchett, who announced before the

mercenary as one who "fights for personal profit for another country."

He explained the modern mercenary is a professional soldier who receives high pay with no quarrel, for they're not defending their own country. They are "specialists who can handle new weapons and are familiar with tactics."

Mercenaries have been used primarily during the last 25 to 30 years exclusively to crush independent movements in countries, he said.

"It's a relatively new form of intervention for other countries to stop independence movements. It doesn't commit governments. Also, it's convenient for they're not responsible for the mercenaries' actions," he noted.

Burchett, who has been a journalist for 38 years and is considered to be one of today's leading war correspondents, discussed the recent mercenary situations in Angola, Rhodesia, and South Africa.

One of the reasons mercenary efforts in Angola failed was because they "were thrown together in an emergency situation in 1976. There was no cohesion. Also, unlike the Congo, where they succeeded, they weren't fighting against a backward country."

The United States Senate entered into a "panic situation" because of a possible Vietnam-like involvement and stopped funds to Angola, he said. The funds numbered \$34 million during the Ford administration, he said.

The recent trial of 13 mercenaries in Angola was held primarily because the country needed a deterrent for the increasing number of the "professional soldiers."

Various governments, the United States included, have legislation on the books that prohibits recruiting of mercenaries. But there's no enforcement. There are Ameri-

can mercenaries, mainly Vietnam veterans, in Rhodesia now. I can pick up a publication and find advertisements for them."

"The FBI wanted to know the extent of recruiting in this country. But no effort has been made to dissuade the recruiting," he expressed.

He said mercenaries are "in Rhodesia today, South Africa tomorrow," adding recruiters for Angola are now working for those two countries.

"All the recruiters are interested in is getting their 200 to 300 pounds per man," he stated.

He told the audience he knew of one recruiter in West Germany who had personally recruited over 1,000 mercenaries for Rhodesia.

He said Rhodesia Prime Minister Ian D. Smith's regime is in a bad situation and will need more than the 2 to 3,000 mercenaries now employed.

He pointed out that "the terrorists' raids in Mozambique by Rhodesia the other day were formed in desperation."

"If the public really knew the extent of the use of mercenaries they would demand some action to be taken," he stated.

The only kind of mercenary intervention he would condone is that "others would come in if right-wing forces came into a country involved in an independence struggle. I feel that countries should fight their own struggles," he noted.

During the upcoming year he said he would like to do something near his home in France. He said it would most likely include a look at Euro-Communism, which he termed "a new permanent phenomenon."



Burchett, who addressed his DLS speech to the topic of mercenaries, found himself forced to reply to a group in the audience protesting his marxist affiliations. (Tim Grant photo).

The protestors, who represented the Maine Conservative Union (MCU), distributed literature, held a sign that said, "Burchett KGB Agent," and challenged his background on a few different occasions.

In the distributed literature, the MCU said the DLS is "serving as a vehicle for the promotion of ultra-radical views by an individual (Burchett) whose stated intent is

lecture he was filing a libel suit against the New York Post because of similar allegations, strongly refuted the charges made by the protester.

He stopped his lecture for 10 minutes to address the protestors and carefully denounced their allegations by correcting point after point. It quieted the MCU representatives. "It's rubbish they're peddling," Burchett said.

His lecture centered around the contemporary use of mercenaries. He defined a

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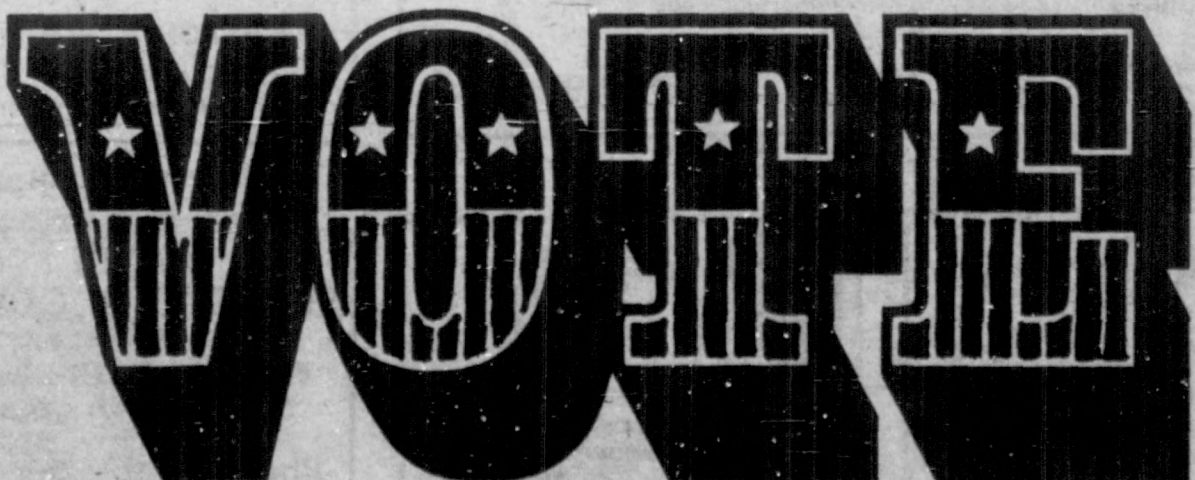
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Women demolish Wildcats in track action Saturday

by Steve Vaitones

The women's track team won every event except the hurdles in their defeat of New Hampshire 72-28 on Saturday.

As both teams began their second season of varsity competition, the Maine women were simply stronger and faster.

Patty Holcomb, Lauren Noether and Lil Riley paced the UMO team by each scoring in several events. Holcomb won the 60 and 220 and anchored the winning 880 and mile relays, while Noether won the mile, led off the mile relay, and took second in the long

jump. Riley won the two mile and came back to grab second in the mile.

Other winners for Maine were Lisa Stevens (440), Rosie Giamotti (880), Tina Berube (long jump), Jane Sullivan (high jump, an excellent 5' 1") and Vi Swenson shotput.

The only other meet for the women before Christmas comes this Saturday when they face a tough Vermont squad.

Vermont was the only team to defeat UMO last season, and by just one point at that. Coach Jim Ballinger feels that increased depth this year gives Maine a good chance for a win.

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An array of arms go up during the backstroke event in women's swim action against UMass last Saturday [Phil Roy photo].

Maine women swimmers crush UMass, marks set

by Julie Smith

The UMO women swimmers stretched their record to 2-0 by winning an exciting home meet (75-56) against UMass on Saturday, Dec. 3. Maine now has a 2-1 series edge over UMass.

The meet was highlighted by many extremely close finishes and several record-breaking performances.

The meet began with UMass winning the medley relay. Then Dee Daniels won the 500 yard freestyle as the only Maine swimmer to score in the event. UMass's strength was evident as they placed 1-2 in the 100 yard freestyle with freshman Linda LaRue coming in a close third.

Beth Carone swam an excellent race in the 50 yard backstroke, breaking the school record with a time of 29.87.

The 50 yard breaststroke turned out to be a good event for Maine as Julie Woodcock and Eileen Sherlock placed first and second. Woodcock chalked up another mark for herself on the record board as her time of 32.455 broke the pool, school and New England records.

Despite her efforts, Jill Puzas could not overcome UMass standout Debbie Schwartz in the 100 yard butterfly and came in a close second with Mia Sette finishing third.

Maine trailed up to this point, but the 1-meter required diving turned the trick for the naiads as Patti Ward and Tricia Redden placed 1-2, giving UMO a one-point lead.

UMO began to pick up momentum with Eileen Sherlock winning the 50 yard freestyle and Jacqui Long placing third. Linda LaRue won the 100 yard backstroke with a school record breaking time of 1:05.94 with veteran Denise Small finishing third.

The 100 I.M. proved to be an exciting event as two UMO swimmers, Julie Woodcock and Beth Carone, overpowered their opponents and swam a neck-and-neck race between themselves with Woodcock finishing less than a second ahead of Carone.

The Naiad's next meet will be at Boston University on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.



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Tough Holy Cross hockey team shells Maine

by Charlotte McAtee

The UMO ice hockey team will attempt to get back on the winning track tonight against Colby College after losing to Holy Cross 8-3 before a packed Alford Arena Saturday night.

Holy Cross jumped on top in the first minutes of play on a breakaway in which Maine goalie Jim Tortorella had no chance.

Brian Hughes made a great move for Maine, getting past a Holy Cross defender at the blue line, but his hard shot was stopped by the Crusader goalie.

Bill Demianiuk came charging off the Maine bench with 13:07 left in the period and knocked a Holy Cross forward hard against the boards. The referee decided it was too hard a hit and sent Demianiuk to the penalty box to 2:00. A resulting power play goal put the Crusaders up 2-0.

Demianiuk was charged in the corner and Maine went on the power play for the first time. Gary Conn and Demianiuk both had good chances in front, but their shots were too low and were covered up.

Holy Cross came back less than three minutes later to score on a deflected slap shot, and the period ended with Maine down, 3-0.

Tortorella was outstanding in goal, holding the Crusaders at bay in the second period. One goal was scored on a power

play, with Brian McKiernan in the box for holding.

The third period opened with a perfect power play goal for the Black Bears. The passing was superb from the point to the open man in the left corner, to Conn in front, then to Demianiuk all alone at the right corner of the goal cage. He had an open net and his shot didn't miss.

Tortorella made a save on a two-on-one break, and Logan, Crespi and Jon Leach came back with offensive pressure for Maine but could not find the handle with the Holy Cross goalie down and out of position.

Holy Cross went ahead 6-1 on a gift goal when the UMO defense was flatfooted in their own zone and could not clear the puck. Then another goal popped in to just about ice the game at 7-1.

Defenseman Shannon O'Grady was tripped trying to clear the puck out of the Maine zone and the power play scored again for the Black Bears. Conn snapped in a high shot on a pass from Hughes after some nifty moves around the defence by Brian.

But Holy Cross scored yet again to make their total eight, and it would have been much higher in the Crusader-dominated

game had it not been for the goaltending of Tortorella. The last goal for Holy Cross was scored on a screen shot which was tipped in low.

Crespi scored the last goal of the game

on a fight for the puck in front of the net. Both he and Logan whacked at it and Crespi poked it in. Maine will face Division II opponent Colby College in the Alford Arena tonight.

New Hampshire track squad breezes by Black Bears

by Steve Vaitones

The men's track team, still rounding into shape and nursing some injuries, lost to New Hampshire Saturday, 78-58 in the initial meet of the year for both teams.

The Maine squad managed only four individual wins and one tie in the loss, but won both relays. Coach Ed Styrna gave the Wildcats credit for their improvement over last season, noting especially the UNH depth.

The top event of the day was the 600 yard run, where UMO's Nick Tupper and UNH's John Demers finished in a dead heat. Tupper had a slight lead midway through the race, but Demers closed the gap on the homestretch. Both leaned at the tape but neither had the lead.

The time of 1:12.3 was exceptional for the first meet, it being only a half second off of the Maine record.

Half-miler Jim Boyle also turned in a fine performance with a 1:56.1 win, tying the meet record. Other Maine winners were Al Sherrerd in the shot, Ed Konstantellis in the high jump and Ed Gott in the 440.

The mile relay of Harry Dwyer, Mike Burns, Gott, and Tupper and the two-mile relay of Jon Howland, Brad Brown, Myron Whipkey, and Boyle were also victorious.

The team comes back this week with a meet Wednesday at Bates, and one Saturday against Vermont at UMO. Coach Styrna expects both to be close contests.

Black Bears squeeze past Terriers, 68-66

by Greg Betts

Kevin Nelson blocked a Steve Wright jumper with time running out and Will Morrison then connected on the second of a two-shot foul situation with 3 seconds left as the Maine Black Bears came from behind to defeat Boston University 68-66 Friday night in a thriller. The win evened Maine's record at 1-1.

A standing-room-only crowd in the Pit

witnessed the seesaw contest, which was delayed 45 minutes due to a mix-up in scheduling the game with the ECAC. The referees who were supposed to work the game thought it was being played Saturday afternoon.

Both teams came out playing tough man-to-man defense as BU took an early lead. Maine didn't go out on top until Wall Russell hit a pair of free throws with 4:31 left in the half to make it 24-22. Shortly afterward Roger Lapham picked up his third personal foul and Maine fans started saying their prayers.

But the Bears continued to hold their own on the boards and both teams went to their locker rooms even at 30-30 thanks to a couple of long bombs by Russell in the closing seconds of the half.

Chappelle again started the four vets and Jimmy Klein at guard to open the second half. Klein got the starting nod because of his outstanding defensive play against Northeastern Wednesday night. The lead went back and forth as both Rufus Harris and BU's Curtis Vanlandingham began to hit.

Again it looked like disaster had struck for Maine as Kevin Nelson picked up foul number four with 17:46 left to play. Chappelle was forced to go to his reserve center John Joyce.

Maine's 2-1-2 zone kept the Terriers from penetrating as Morrison picked off passes left and right with great anticipation on defense. BU then went into a full court press with a little over five minutes left but Maine countered with a four point play by Joyce which made it 61-58 Maine as the crowd roared its approval.

Vanlandingham and Wright combined for six unanswered points to give BU a three-point advantage, but that was the Terriers' last moment of glory. Lapham and Nelson his jumpers to put Maine ahead for good and Harris then scored but was called for his fifth foul after the shot. Doug Bean hit the two free throws to end BU's scoring with 30 seconds left.

Harris shined as he once again led Maine scorers with 17 points along with tearing down 10 rebounds (twice as many as any other Maine player had). Lapham, Russell and Nelson also scored in double figures with 14, 12 and 10 points respectively. Vanlandingham paced the Terriers with 22, scoring almost at will against Maine's shorter front court.

Considering the fact that Klein once again helped to hold the opposition's top scorer down (this time Phil Andrews to 12) and that Will Morrison played a great floor game in the clutch, Chappelle now knows he's at least six men deep as far as starters

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